



# THE HANGING CONTAINER

*Add depth, movement and a burst of verdant life to your interior with an arrangement of suspended plants, the more the better*

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**U-planter** from R325; **suspension cables** R300, both from Vorster & Braye

Hanging containers have recently made a big comeback in interiors, whether it's the macramé creations by House of Grace or the beautifully crafted ceramics by Vorster & Braye, poised on a tension cable. Plants are suspended in the air, silhouetted, almost musical in arrangement, like a mobile. Some are high, while others are low, catching the breeze.

I recently visited the Guggenheim Museum in New York, where I was particularly enthralled by the mobile pieces of Alexander Calder. I love the way these suspended artworks mark the passage of time with their play of shadows.

Modern life is hurried and seems to get even faster every day, in a world where almost anything can be bought, downloaded or photographed and sent around the world in a few seconds. For me, the appeal of growing plants is that they defy this immediacy, since they're oblivious to our expectations.

Nature has its own pace of doing things. It can't be rushed and deep down, I believe we connect with that authenticity. By bringing plants into our homes, we're reconnecting with the rhythms of nature and the lessons she brings, particularly having patience and being fully in the moment.